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INTRODUCTION

This little book is sent forth with the hope that it may be an inspiration to patriotism to the youth of our Country.

All the men who have been able to attain to the Presidency of the United States have been great men; men who have had much to do with the shaping of the affairs of this great nation of ours. It would be time well spent for any schoolboy or girl to get some standard biography of any or all of these men, and read how they have worked, struggled and fought for what they thought was for the good of their Country.

With this little book you can make yourself familiar with the faces of our Presidents, when and where they were born, where and how they were educated, the time when they were President, some other principal event in their lives, how long they lived, and when they died. These pictures are made from the best portraits or paintings obtainable, and most of them were made from the originals that were made at the time they occupied the Presidential office. That of Thomas Jefferson is an exception, and was made from a painting made shortly after he wrote the Declaration of Independence, something like twenty-five years before he became President. So, in this little book you have the portraits of the PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES of America.

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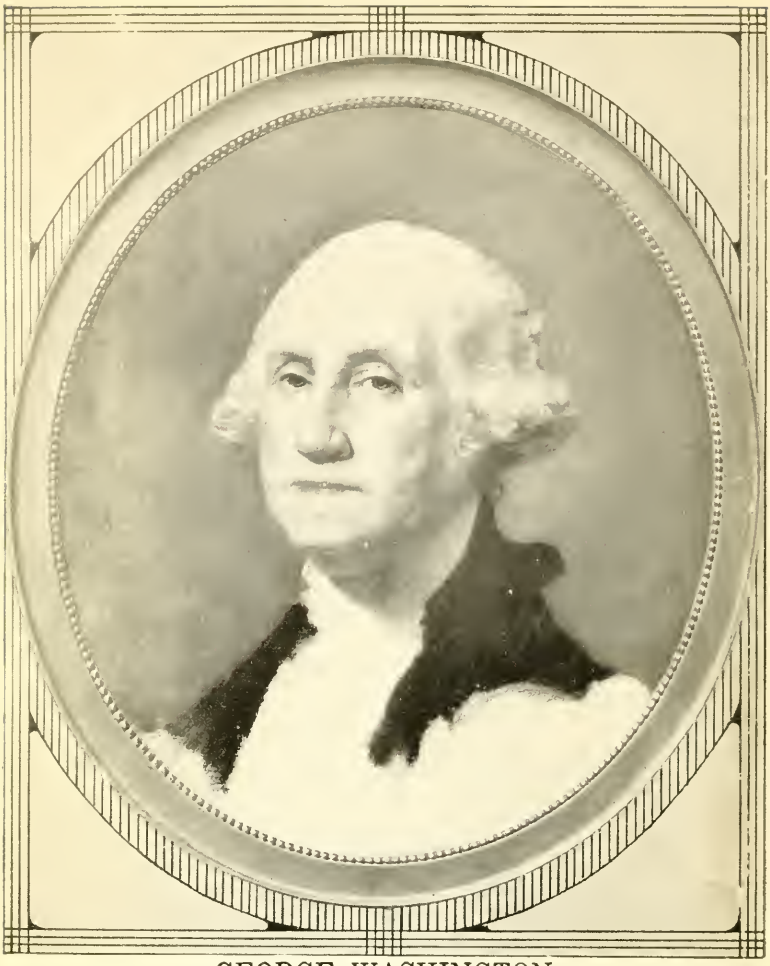
THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

The White House is the official residence of the President of the United States while he occupies the Presidential office. It is constructed of stone, and is 170 feet long and 80 feet wide. The site was selected by Washington, and he laid the corner-stone October 13, 1792. It was first occupied by John Adams in 1800, and was the first public building erected in Washington City.



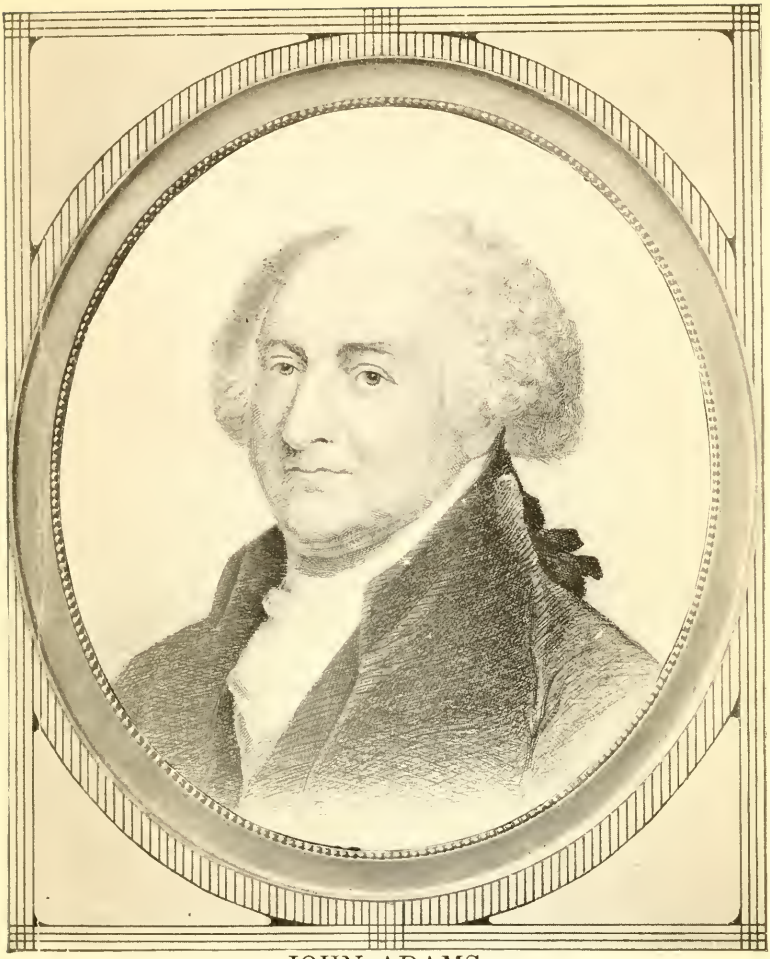
GEORGE WASHINGTON

FIRST

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

1789 to 1797—8 Years

Born in Westmoreland County, Virginia, February 22, 1732. Was commander-in-chief of the Army of the American Revolution. He was elected president of the United States in 1789, re-elected in 1793, and served his country till 1797, when he retired to private life to his Virginia plantation at Mt. Vernon, where he died December 14, 1799; aged 67 years.



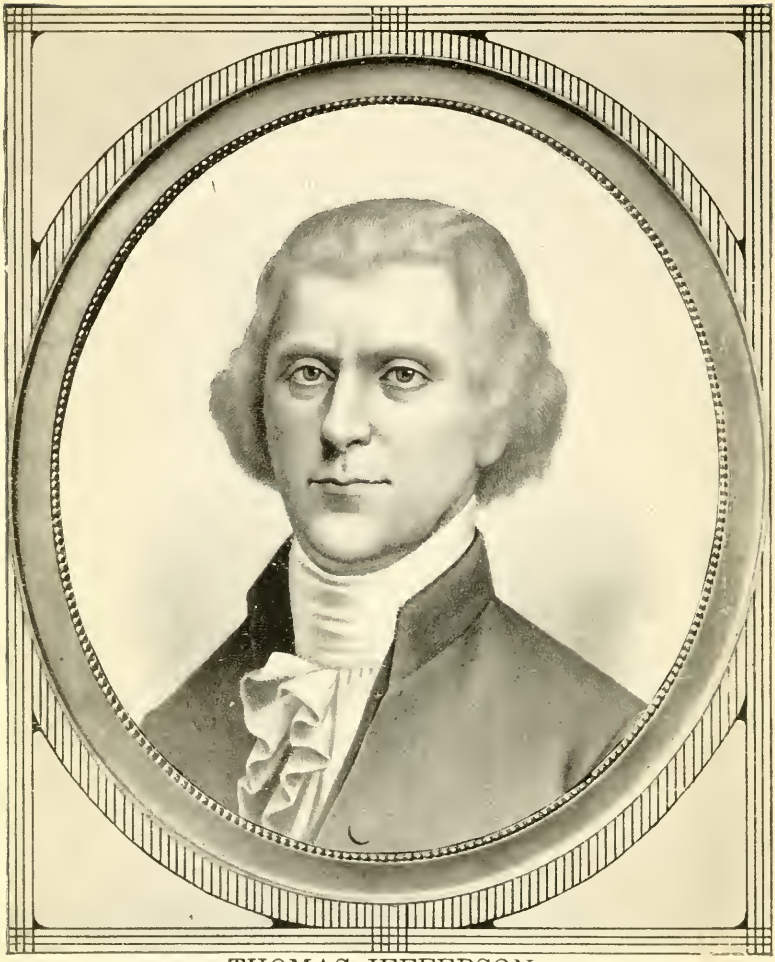
JOHN ADAMS

SECOND

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

1797 to 1801—4 years

Born in Braintree, now Quincy, Massachusetts, October 30, 1735. Was educated at Harvard University; elected Vice-President twice with George Washington; first minister to Great Britain; was elected President in 1797, served one term, after which he returned to his home at Quincy, Massahusetts, where he died July 4, 1826; aged 90 years.



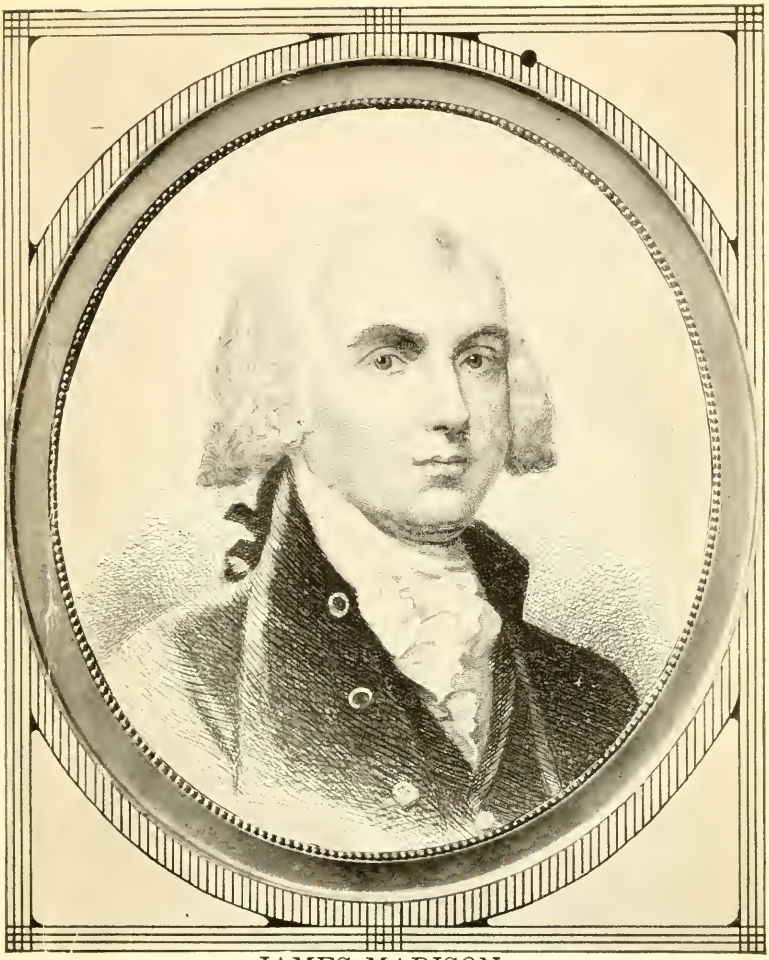
THOMAS JEFFERSON

THIRD

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

1801 to 1809—8 years

Born in Shadwell, Albemarle County, Virginia, April 13, 1743. Educated at William and Mary College; wrote the Declaration of Independence in 1776; Vice-President during John Adams' administration; was elected President in 1801; re-elected in 1805; served two terms; was the founder of the University of Virginia. Died in Monticello, Virginia, July 4, 1826; aged 83 years.



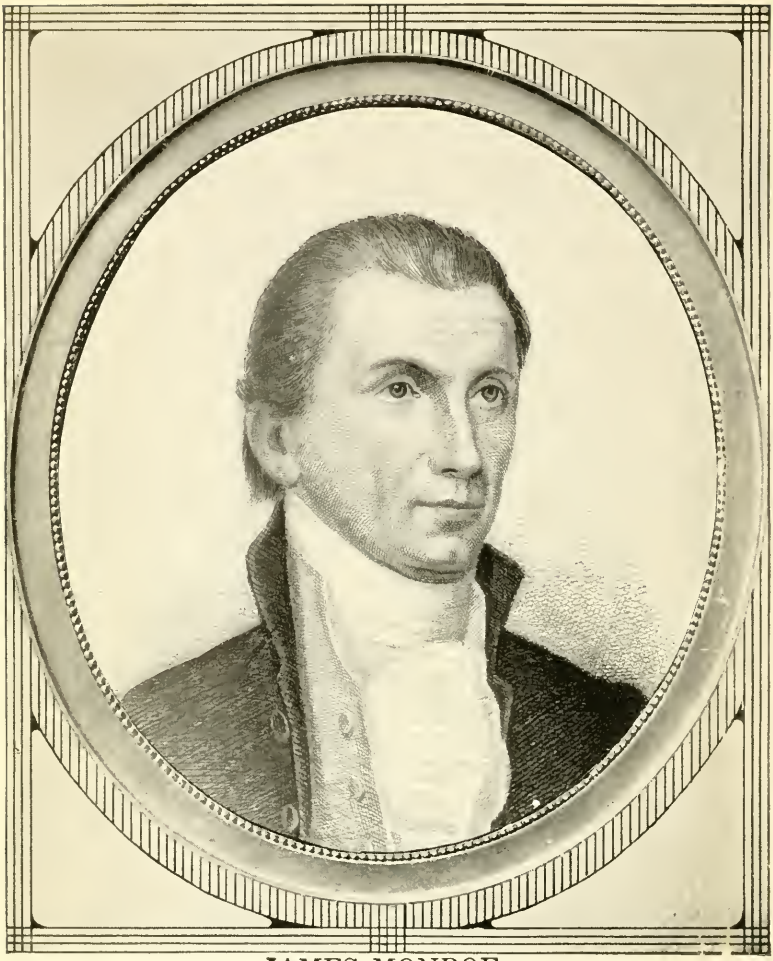
JAMES MADISON

FOURTH

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

1809 to 1817—8 years

Born in Port Conway, Virginia, March 16, 1751. Educated at Princeton University, New Jersey. It was during Madison's administration that the United States had its second war with Great Britain, known as the war of 1812. He was elected President in 1809; re-elected in 1813; served two terms. Died in Montpielier, Virginia, June 28, 1836; aged 85 years.



JAMES MONROE

FIFTH

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

1817 to 1825—8 years

Born in Westmoreland County, Virginia, April 28, 1758. Educated at William and Mary College; in 1790 was elected to the United States Senate from Virginia; was elected Governor of Virginia in 1799; was Secretary of State during Madison's administration; elected President in 1817; re-elected in 1821; served two terms. Died in New York City, July 4, 1831; aged 73 years.

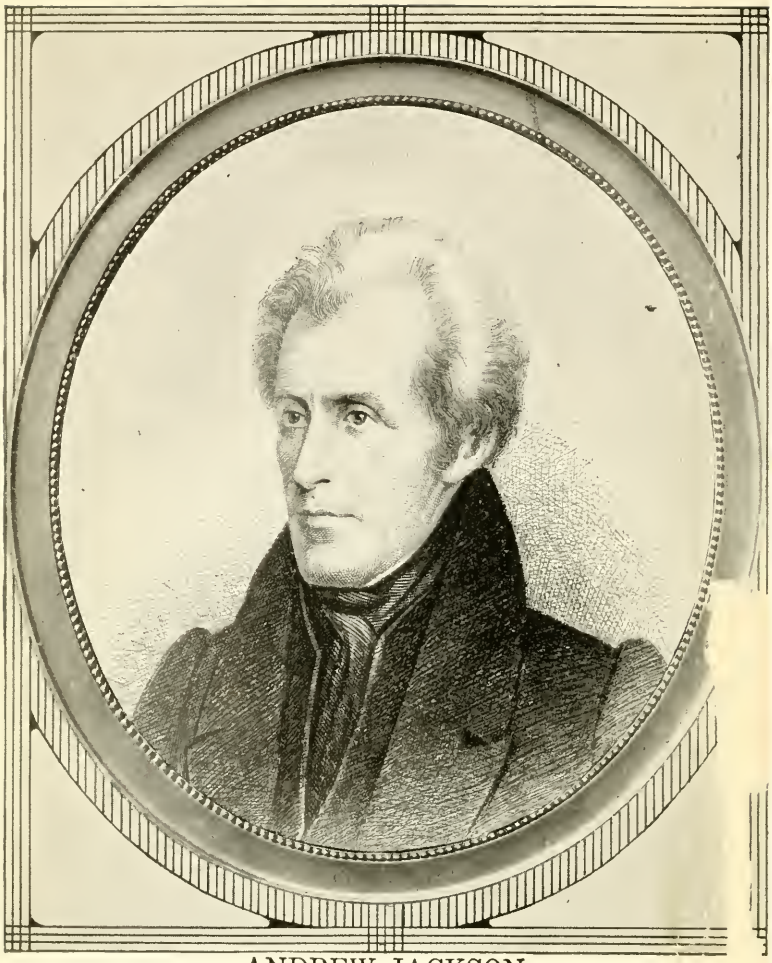
JOHN QUINCY ADAMS

SIXTH

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

1825 to 1829—4 years

Born in Braintree, now Quincy, Massachusetts, July 11, 1767. Educated at Harvard University; in 1794 Washington appointed him minister to Holland; in 1797 his father, John Adams, appointed him minister to Prussia; in 1803 he was elected to the United States Senate from Massachusetts; elected President in 1825, served one term. Died in Washington City, February 23, 1848; aged 80 years.



ANDREW JACKSON

SEVENTH

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

1829 to 1837—8 years

Born in the Waxhaw Settlement, North Carolina, near the border between North and South Carolina, March 15, 176[illegible] His school education was very limited. Was Major-General in the regular army in 1814; Governor of Florida in 182[illegible] elected President in 1829; re-elected in 1833, served two terms. Died at the Hermitage, near Nashville, Tennessee, June 8, 1845; aged 78 years.

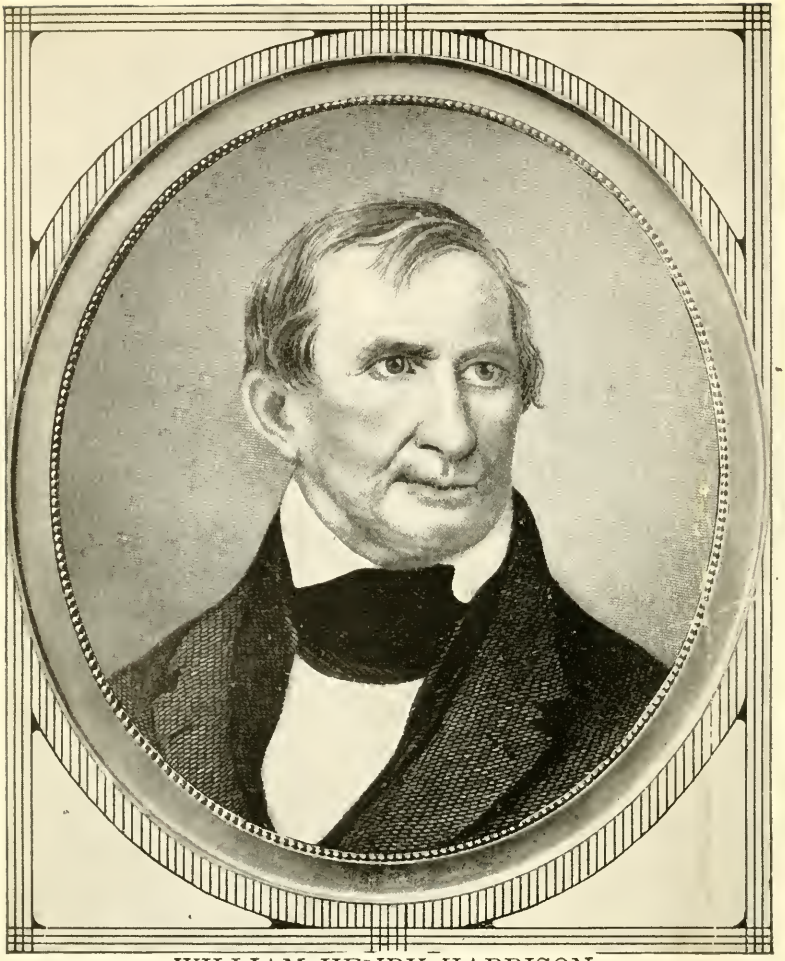
MARTIN VAN BUREN

EIGHTH

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

1837 to 1841—4 years

Born in Kinderhook, Columbia County, New York, December 5, 1782. Educated in the schools of his native village; Governor of New York in 1828; was Vice-President with Jackson during his second administration; elected President in 1837, served one term. Died at "Lindenwald" in Kinderhook, New York, July 24, 1862; aged 79 years.



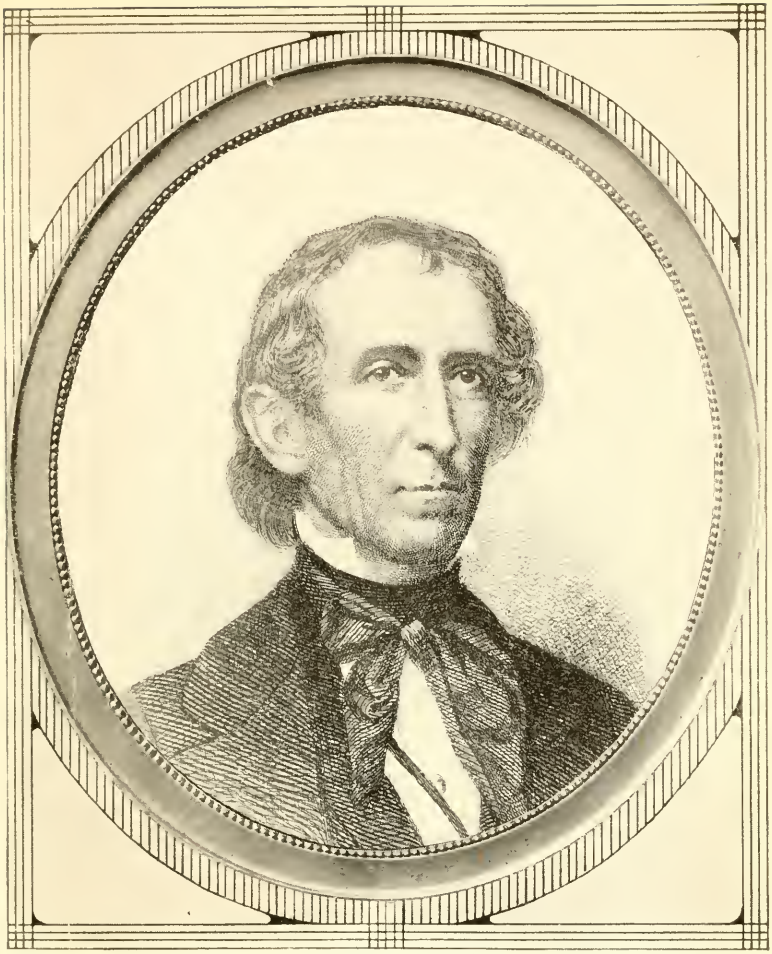
WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON

NINTH

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

1841 to April 4, 1841—1 month

Born in Charles City County, Virginia, February 9, 1773. Educated at Hampden-Sydney College; governor of the Territory of Indiana in 1801; in 1811 defeated the indians in the famous battle of Tippecanoe. Elected President in 1841, served one month and died in Washington City, April 4, 1841; aged 68 years.



JOHN TYLER

TENTH

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

April 4, 1841 to March 4, 1845—3 years, 11 months

Born in Charles City County, Virginia, March 29, 1790. Educated at William and Mary College; elected Vice-President with William Henry Harrison and succeeded to the Presidency April 4, 1841, at the death of President Harrison. In 1861 he was elected from Virginia to the Congress of the Confederate States, and died at Richmond, Virginia, January 18, 1862; aged 71 years.

JAMES KNOX POLK

ELEVENTH

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

1845 to 1849—4 years

Born in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, November 2, 1795. Educated at the University of North Carolina; served in Congress fourteen years from Tennessee; Speaker in House of Representatives in 1835 and 1837; elected Governor of Tennessee in 1839; elected President in 1845, served one term. Died in Nashville, Tennessee, June 15, 1849; aged 53 years.

ZACHARY TAYLOR

TWELFTH

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

1849 to July 9, 1850—1 year, 4 months, 5 days

Born in Orange County, Virginia, September 24, 1784. His school advantages were very limited; but he had served continually in the United States Army from early manhood and became a distinguished General in the war with Mexico; was elected President in 1849, served 1 year, 4 months and 5 days. Died in Washington City, July 9, 1850; aged 66 years.

MILLARD FILLMORE

THIRTEENTH

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

July 10, 1850 to 1853—2 years, 7 months, 24 days

Born in Cayuga County, New York, February 7, 1800. In early life he was extremely poor, and had scarcely any school education; became a country school teacher; studied law; was elected to Congress; elected Vice-President with Zachary Taylor in 1849 and succeeded to the Presidency at the death of President Taylor, July 10, 1850. Died in Buffalo, New York, March 8, 1874; aged 74 years.

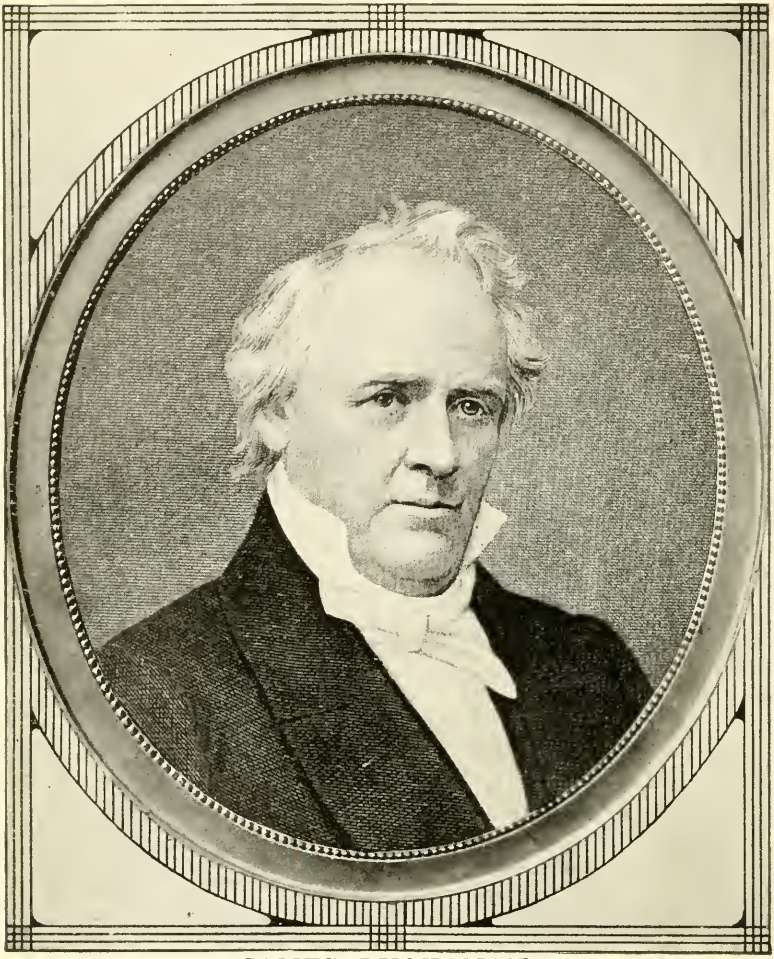
FRANKLIN PIERCE

FOURTEENTH

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

1853 to 1857—4 years

Born in Hillsborough, New Hampshire, November 23, 1804. Educated at Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine; elected to the United States Senate in 1837, served five years and resigned in 1842; was a Brigadier-General under General Scott in the war with Mexico; elected President in 1853, served one term. Died in Concord, New Hampshire, October 8, 1869; aged 64 years.



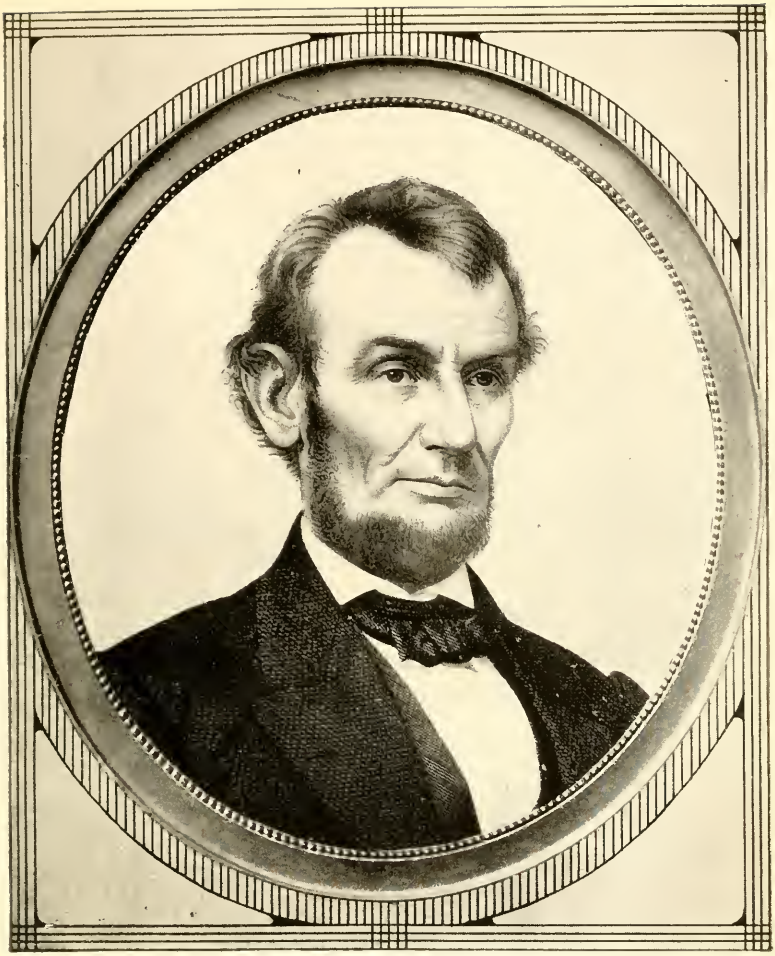
JAMES BUCHANAN

FIFTEENTH

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

1857 to 1861—4 years

Born at Cove Gap, near Mercersburg, Pennsylvania, April 23, 1791. Educated at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania; began the practice of law in 1812; served as Minister to Russia, Ambassador to England, and United States Senator from Pennsylvania; elected President in 1857, served one term. Died in Lancaster, Pa., June 1, 1868; aged 77 years.



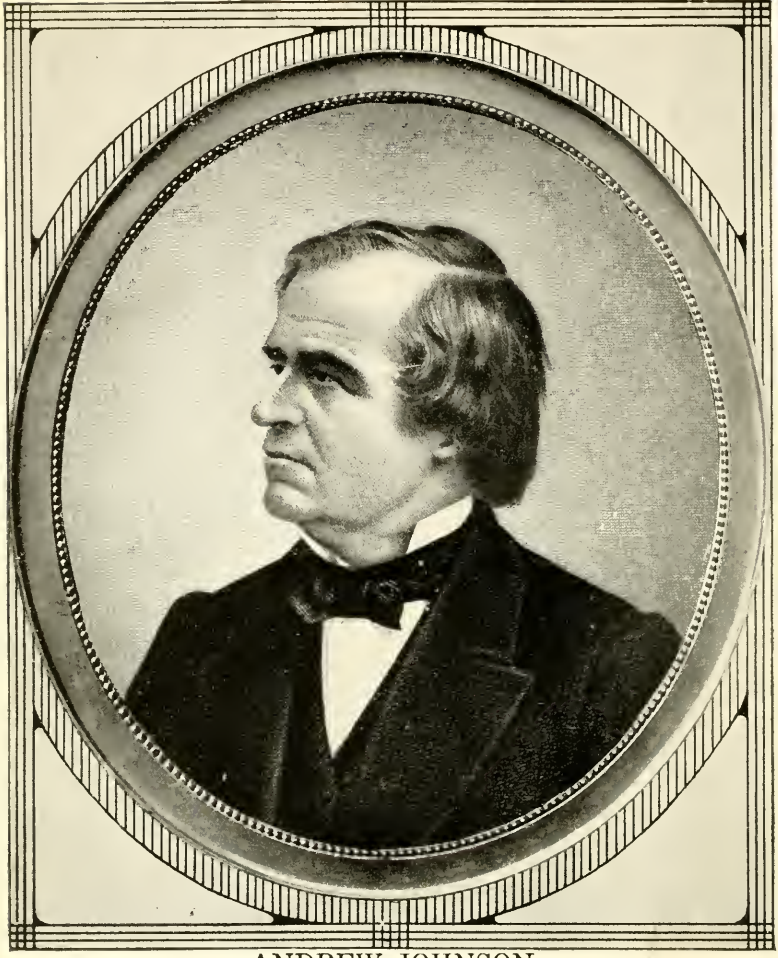
ABRAHAM LINCOLN

SIXTEENTH

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

1861 to April 15, 1865—4 years, 1 month, 11 days

Born in Larue County, Kentucky, February 12, 1809. Elected to Congress in 1846; was a lawyer and had only a common school education; was elected President in 1861, re-elected in 1865, served one term, one month and eleven days when he was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth, and died in Washington City, April 15, 1865; aged 56 years.



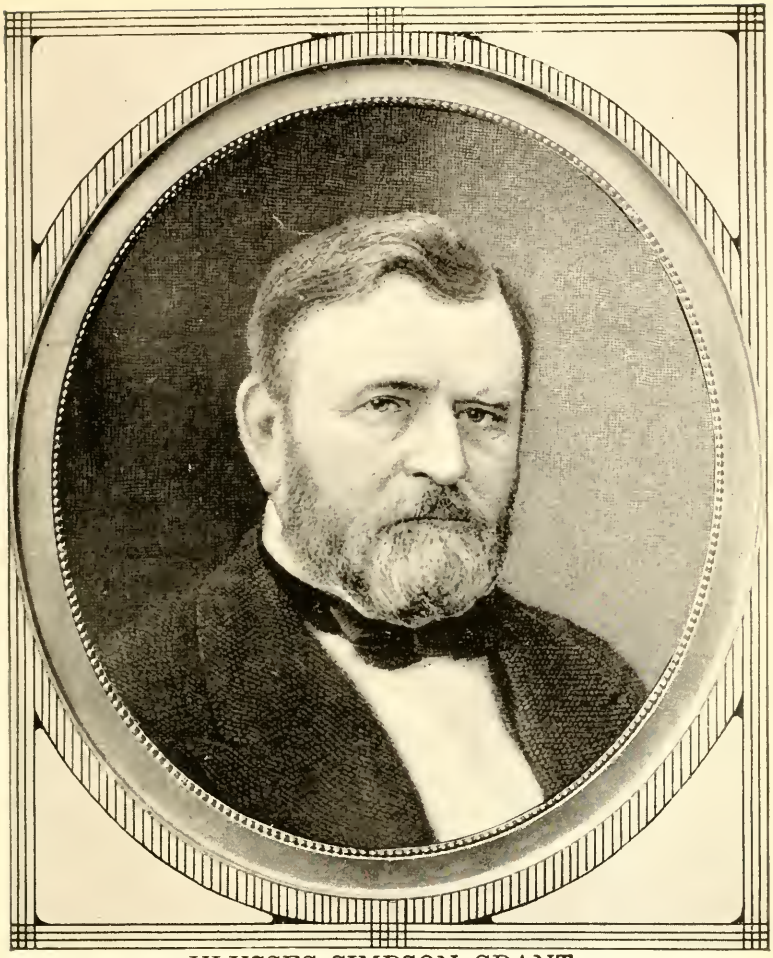
ANDREW JOHNSON

SEVENTEENTH

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

April 15, 1865 to 1869—3 years, 10 months, 19 days

Born in Raliegh, North Carolina, December 29, 1808. Educated by his wife after they were married; served ten years in Congress; six years in the Senate; Military Governor of Tennessee in 1862; elected Vice-President with Abraham Lincoln in 1865, and became President at the death of Lincoln, April 15, 1865. Died at Carter's Depot, Tennessee, July 31, 1875; aged 66 years.



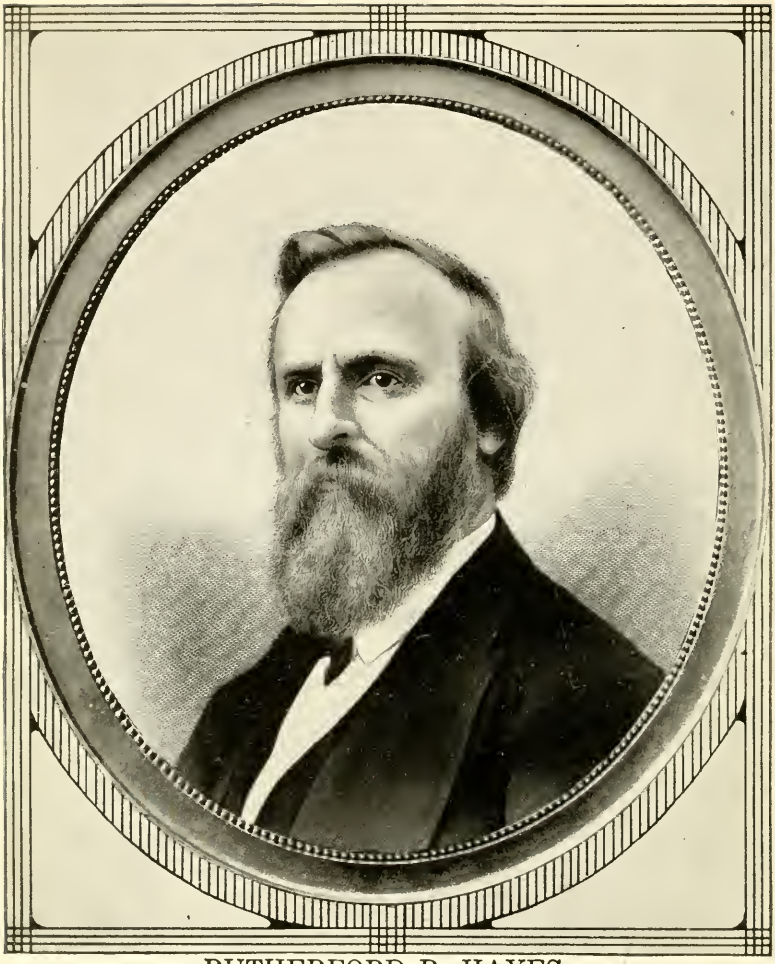
ULYSSES SIMPSON GRANT

EIGHTEENTH

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

1869 to 1877—8 years

Born at Point Pleasant, Ohio, April 27, 1822. Educated at the United States military academy at West Point; graduated in 1843; received his commission as second lieutenant in 1845. In 1866, by a special act of Congress, he was made General of the United States army; elected President in 1869; re-elected in 1873; served two terms. Died on Mt. McGregor, New York, July 23, 1885; aged 63 years.



RUTHERFORD B. HAYES

NINETEENTH

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

1877 to 1881—4 years

Born in Delaware, Ohio, October 4, 1822. Educated at Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio; was a Brigadier-General in the Civil War; Governor of Ohio from 1868 to 1872; elected President in 1877, served one term, at the expiration of which he retired to his home at Fremont, Ohio, where he died January 17, 1893; aged 70 years.

JAMES A. GARFIELD

TWENTIETH

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

1881 to September 19, 1881—6 months, 15 days

Born in Orange, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, November 19, 1831. Educated at Williams College, Mass.; United States senator from Ohio; elected president in 1881; was shot by Charles Guiteau, an assassin, July 2, 1881, lived more than two months when he died at Elberon, New Jersey, September 19, 1881; aged 49 years.

CHESTER ALLAN ARTHUR

TWENTY-FIRST

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

September 19, 1881 to 1885—3 years, 5 months, 15 days

Born in Fairfield, Vermont, October 5, 1830. Educated at Union College, Vermont. In 1853 he went to New York City where he began the practice of law; elected Vice-President with James A. Garfield in 1881; became President at the death of Garfield, September 19, 1881. Died in New York City, November 18, 1886; aged 56 years.

GROVER CLEVELAND

TWENTY-SECOND

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

1885 to 1889; 1893 to 1897—8 years

Born in Caldwell, Essex County, New Jersey, March 18, 1837. His school advantages were limited and he only received an academic education; studied law; elected Mayor of Buffalo, N. Y. in 1881; elected Governor of New York in 1883; elected President in 1885; was defeated for re-election to the next succeeding term, but elected again in 1893; served eight years. Died in Princeton, N. J., June 24, 1908; aged 71 years.

BENJAMIN HARRISON

TWENTY-THIRD

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

1889 to 1893—4 years

Born at North Bend, Ohio, August 20, 1833. Educated at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio; elected United States Senator from Indiana in 1881, served six years. Was elected President in 1889, served one term. On retiring from the Presidency, he returned to his home at Indianapolis, Indiana, where he resumed the practice of law. He died in Indianapolis, March 13, 1901; aged 67 years.

WILLIAM McKINLEY

TWENTY-FOURTH

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

1897 to September 14, 1901—4 years, 6 months, 10 days

Born in Niles, Ohio, January 29, 1843. Educated at Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania; elected governor of Ohio twice; elected President in 1897; re-elected in 1901; served altogether 4 years, 6 months and 10 days. He was shot by Leon F. Czolgosz, an assassin, while on a visit to the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo, New York, September 6, 1901, and died September 14, 1901; aged 58 years.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

TWENTY-FIFTH

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

September 14, 1901 to 1909—7 years, 5 months, 20 days

Born in New York City, October 27, 1858. Educated at Harvard University; was Governor of New York in 1899 and 1900; elected Vice-President with William McKinley in 1901 and succeeded to the Presidency at the death of McKinley; elected President in 1905; served altogether seven years, five months and twenty days, at the expiration of which he returned to New York City, where he now resides (1913).

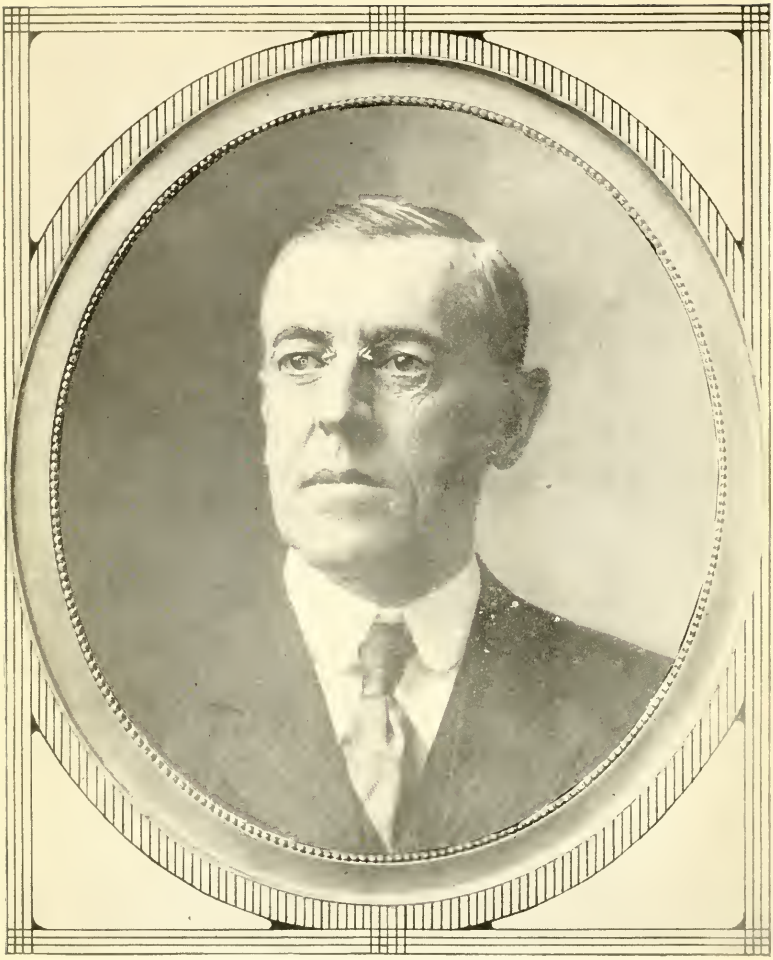
WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT

TWENTY-SIXTH

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

1909 to 1913—4 years

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, September 15, 1857. Educated at Yale University; admitted to the practice of law in Cincinnati in 1880; was Judge of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals from 1892 to 1900; was appointed by President McKinley, June 5, 1901, as first Governor of the Philippine Islands; elected President in 1909, served one term and retired to private life.



WOODROW WILSON

TWENTY-SEVENTH

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

1913 to ————

Born in Staunton, Virginia, December 28, 1856. Educated at Princeton University, New Jersey; practiced law in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1882-3; professor of jurisprudence and political economy in Princeton University, 1890 to 1902; elected president of Princeton University in 1902; elected Governor of New Jersey in 1910; elected President of the United States in 1913. He is the author of several books.

THE CAPITOL OF THE UNITED STATES

The front view of the Capitol of the United States, located at Washington, D. C. Situated on Capitol Hill, 97 feet above the level of the Potomac River, and faces the East. The corner-stone of the main building was laid by President Washington, September 18, 1793. The main building was finished in 1827. The corner-stone of the extensions was laid by President Fillmore, July 4, 1851.

TEN OF THE STATES HAVE FURNISHED THE PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES—

VIRGINIA—8	George Washington Thomas Jefferson James Madison James Monroe William Henry Harrison John Tyler Zachary Taylor Woodrow Wilson
OHIO—6	U. S. Grant Rutherford B. Hayes James A. Garfield Benjamin Harrison William McKinley William Howard Taft
NEW YORK—3	Martin Van Buren Millard Fillmore Theodore Roosevelt
NORTH CAROLINA—3	Andrew Jackson James K. Polk Andrew Johnson
MASSACHUSETTS—2	John Adams John Quincy Adams
KENTUCKY—1	Abraham Lincoln
NEW HAMPSHIRE—1	Franklin Pierce
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